

23 March, 1945

Dear Member;

I had a long conversation with Mr. Edward A. Roberts, Division Director, Passenger Operations, Highway Transport Department, O.D.T., in Washington, D.C; Mr. Roberts is in charge of Bus Transportation, especially requests from Athletic Teams, Orchestras, etc.

I can best give the result of our conversation by answering questions which you would probably ask.

The N.N.L. and N.A.L. will get the same amount of gas in 1945 as in 1944 and through the same channels.

O.D.T. refused application of Negro Southern League for use of Busses in 1945.

O.D.T. has been severely criticized by Colored and White for allowing the N.N.L. and N.A.L. to be the only baseball clubs to travel by Bus.

Mr. Roberts cited violation by Clowns at Dayton, Ohio. He also cited undesirable publicity of printing training schedules even though we travel by Bus.

Request of Dr. Martin and myself for more gas for Leagues, politely refused.

Keep Bus from public inspection as much as possible, especially in Cities where minor leagues formerly existed.

Clubs will be held individually responsible if caught cheating, although the O.D.T. does not have a Police Force.

We were expected at O.D.T. Office before working out training plans.

I explained the Cuban and Baltimore training situation to Mr. Roberts satisfaction.

Yours,

/s/ C. W. Posey,  
Sec'y., N.N. League